ZONING VARIANCE

9th Election District 6th Councilmanic District * Case No. 93-176-SPHA Legal Owner: Satyr Ltd. Partnership Contract Purchaser: Friendly Snowball, Inc., Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing and Petition for Variance for the use of a certain portion of the property known as the Satyr Hill Shopping Center. As to the Petition for Special Hearing, the Petitioner seeks an amendment to the site plan previously approved in case Nos. 76-210-A and 76-242-A. Under the Petition for Variance, relief is sought from Section 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a 10 ft. front yard setback, in lieu of the required average setback of 81.5 ft. All of the relief requested and the use on the subject property is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petitions for Zoning Variance and Special Hearing.

Appearing in support of the Petitions was Robert E. Ellrich, President of Friendly Snowball, Inc., Lessee. Also appearing was Linda G. Schneider on behalf of the Legal Owner of the site, Satyr Limited Partnership. The Petitioner was represented by Douglas W. Biser, Esquire. Paul Lee, the Professional Civil Engineer who prepared the plan, also testified. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence offered was that the subject site is 5.25 acres and is split zoned B.L.-C.C.C., B.M.-C.S.-2 and D.R.5.5. As noted above,

the site is presently used to support a strip retail shopping center known as the Satyr Hill Shopping Center. Numerous retail and restaurant uses are operating on site and the property also contains a parking lot to support these uses.

Mr. Ellrich testified that the proposed use is filed on behalf of his company, the Friendly Snowball, Inc. This corporation operates a snowball stand on that portion of the site immediately adjacent to Joppa Road. Although the structure housing the snowball stand is permanent, it is not affixed to the parking lot and is movable. Mr. Ellrich requests the relief contained within the Petition so that his stand may continue operating at its present location.

Mr. Lee testified and explained the need for the variances. He noted that the adjoining uses, namely, a Maryland National Bank and a Jiffy Lube are significantly set back from Joppa Road. Because of the averaging requirements contained in Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R., the snowball stand must be set back 81.5 ft. from the property line. The Petition for Variance is filed so that the stand can continue operating at the present location. As Mr. Lee noted, if strict adherence to Section 303.2 was required, the snowball stand would be located in the center of the parking lot. Clearly, such a result would be inconvenient and adversely affect the traffic flow for all other tenants in the shopping center. Mr. Lee also noted the zoning history of the site including the special exception previously granted for a Texaco Service Station on the corner of the property and, in a later case, additional variances for that use. Mr. Lee also noted that the parking lot will be restriped in accordance with the configuration shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. requires that an area variance may be granted where strict compliance with the zoning regulations would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. The standards for establishing practical difficulty have been set forth by the appellate courts of this State. See McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) and Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the uncontradicted testimony presented that if the variance is granted, the proposed use at the location shown will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good. Further, strict adherence to the regulations would cause practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner, other tenants of the shopping center and the property owner. Due to the configuration of the center and the parking area, strict compliance with the requlations would result in a disruptive, internal parking/traffic pattern. Further, the extensive setback is required due to the peculiar placement and resulting setback of the neighboring uses. For these reasons, it is clear that the variance should be granted. Clearly, strict compliance with the requirements would unduly restrict the use of the land. In addition, the variance will not cause any injury to the public health, safety and general welfare and will be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Although I am persuaded that the variance and special hearing should be granted for the reasons provided above, further comment is in order regarding the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments which were offered in this case. As to the Bureau of Traffic Engineering's comment, it is noted that the points raised therein relate to the Texaco Station and the previous special exception granted for that use. Thus, they are inapplicable to the limited relief requested in the present Petition. Additionally, as to that comment offered by the Developers Engineering Division, it is to be emphasized that the snowball stand structure is movable. Although the Petitioner admits that the stand is a permanent fixture, the Petitioner acknowledged that the stand may need be moved if repairs are ever necessary to the eight inch sewer line which is located below grade. Therefore, a restriction shall be added to this Order acknowledging the Petitioner's responsibility in that event.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this /s/ day of February 1993, that, pursuant to a Petition for Special Hearing, an amendment to the site plan previously approved in case Nos. 76-210-A and 76-242-A, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a 10 ft. front yard setback, in lieu of the required average setback of 81.5 ft., all in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. The snowball stand shall be located as shown on the plat to accompany the Petitions marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1. The stand shall not

be permanently affixed to the parking lot surface so that same may be removed in the event repairs, replacement or other work need be performed to the sewer line which exists below grade and under the stand. The relief granted herein is specifically conditioned upon the Petitioner's acceptance of this restriction and the Petitioner's acknowledgement of his responsibility to move/relocate the stand as necessary.

> LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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(410) 887-4386

January 29, 1993

Douglas W. Biser, Esquire Suite 300 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance Legal Owner: Satyr Ltd. Partnership Contract Purchaser: Friendly Snowball, Inc., Petitioner Case No. 93-176-SPHA

Dear Mr. Biser:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have been granted, with restrictions.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

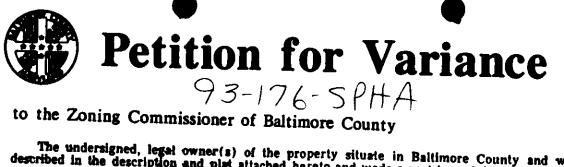
LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Robert E. Ellrich 1217 Dulaney Woods Road, 21030

Signature FORERT ELLEIGH, PLOS. 1217 Dulaney Woods Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 **Attorney for Petitioner:** Douglas W. Biser 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, #30 Towson, Maryland 21204 City and State 828-1335 Attorney's Telephone No.:

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

Friendly Snowball, Inc.



The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 302.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a 10-foot front

yard set back in lieu of the required average set back of 81.5 feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) 1. Snow ball stand has been operated in its present location for ten years without difficulty.

2. Tenant purchased snow ball stand last year without knowledge of any violations. 3. Electic utility pole and meter are in permanent location next to snow ball stand.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County,

		I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Pelition.
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		Signature Linda G. Schneider
		General Partner
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Petition for Variance (Continued)

93-176-SPHA 4. Permanent concrete footings and foundation are in place at present location.

5. The relief requested complies with the spirit of B.C.Z.R., and the variance will not impact public safety or welfare.

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undereigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plet attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

to amend the site plan IN CASES 76-240A 1 76-24-A

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. i, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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SATYR HILL SHOPPING CENTER SOUTHEAST CORNER JOPPA ROAD & SATYR HILL ROAD CUTOFF ELECTION DISTRICT 9C6

Beginning for the same at a point on the south side of Joppa Road, said point also being located South 70°26'13" East 60 feet + from the center of Satyr Hill Road Cutoff; thence binding along the south side of Joppa Road (1) South 70°26'13" East 394.00 feet; thence by a curve to the left (2) R=1081.74 feet; L=46.20 feet, thence leaving said south side of Joppa Road (3) South 31°21'00" West 594.06 feet, thence (4) South 67015'33" West 144.82 feet to the east side of Satyr Hill Road Cutoff, thence binding on the east side of said Satyr Hill Road Cutoff by a curve to the left (5) R=475.00 feet, L=91.09 feet, thence (6) North 31⁰28'52" East 5.85 feet, thence (7) North 25°16'50" West 117.21 feet, thence by a curve to the right (8) R=400.00 feet, L=316.14 feet, thence (9) North 200011" East 194.75 feet, and North 64044'25" East 50.01 feet to the south side of Joppa Road and point of beginning. Containing 5.25 acres of land, more or less.



Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



(410) 887-3353

DATE: 12/14/92

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Friendly Snowball, Inc. 1217 Dulaney Woods Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

CASE NUMBER: 93-176-SPHA (Item 184) S/S Joppa Road, 600' E of c/l Satyr Hill Road Satvr Hill Shopping Center 9th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Satyr Limited Partnership Contract Purchaser(s): Friendly Snowball, Inc. HEARING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 76.02 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property and hearing date.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONTING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 109, Towson, Haryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make same payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to avoid delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified berein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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HEARING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse. Special Hearing to amend the site plan in cases #76-210-A and #76-242-A. Variance to permit a 10 foot front yard setback in lieu of the required average setback of 81.5 feet.

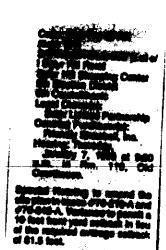
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cc: Satvr Limited Partnership Douglas W. Biser, Esq.

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Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



(410) 887-3353

December 29, 1992

RE: Case No. 93-176-SPHA, Item No. 184 Petitioner: Satyr Limited Partnership, et al Petition for Special Hearing and Variance

Dear Mr. Biser:

Douglas W. Biser, Esquire

Towson, MD 21204

105 West Chesapeake Avenue #300

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 25th day of November 1992.

Petitioner's Attorney: Douglas W. Biser

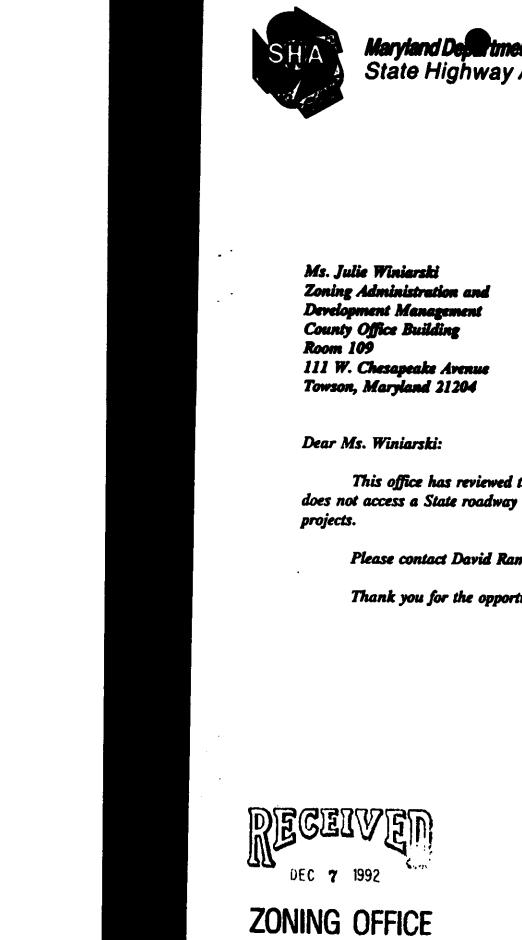
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Robert W. Bowling, P.K., Chief Developers Engineering Division

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for December 14, 1992

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Item No. 184

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TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: December 14, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item and apparently, the stand is located above an 8-inch sewer within a County drainage and utility

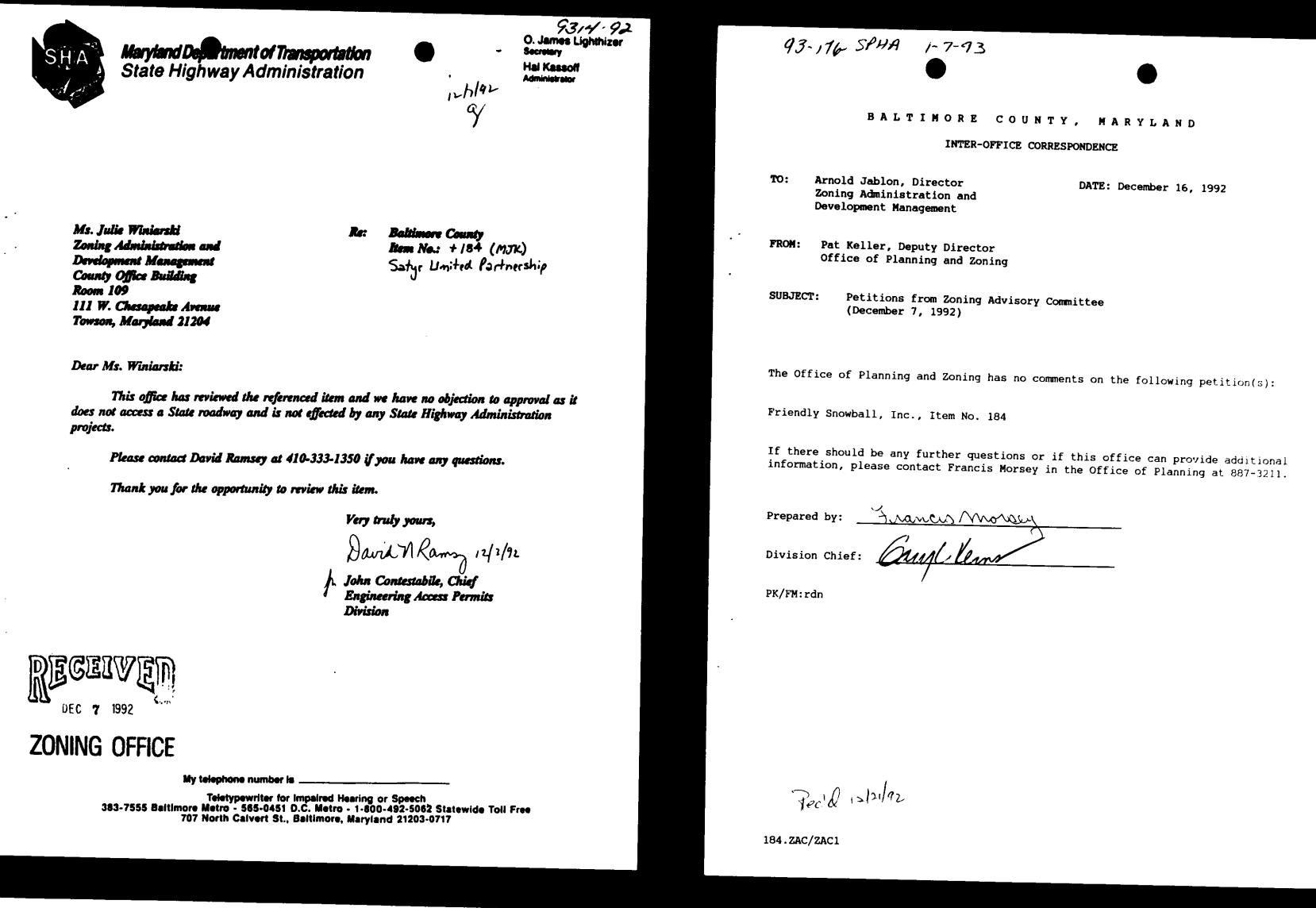
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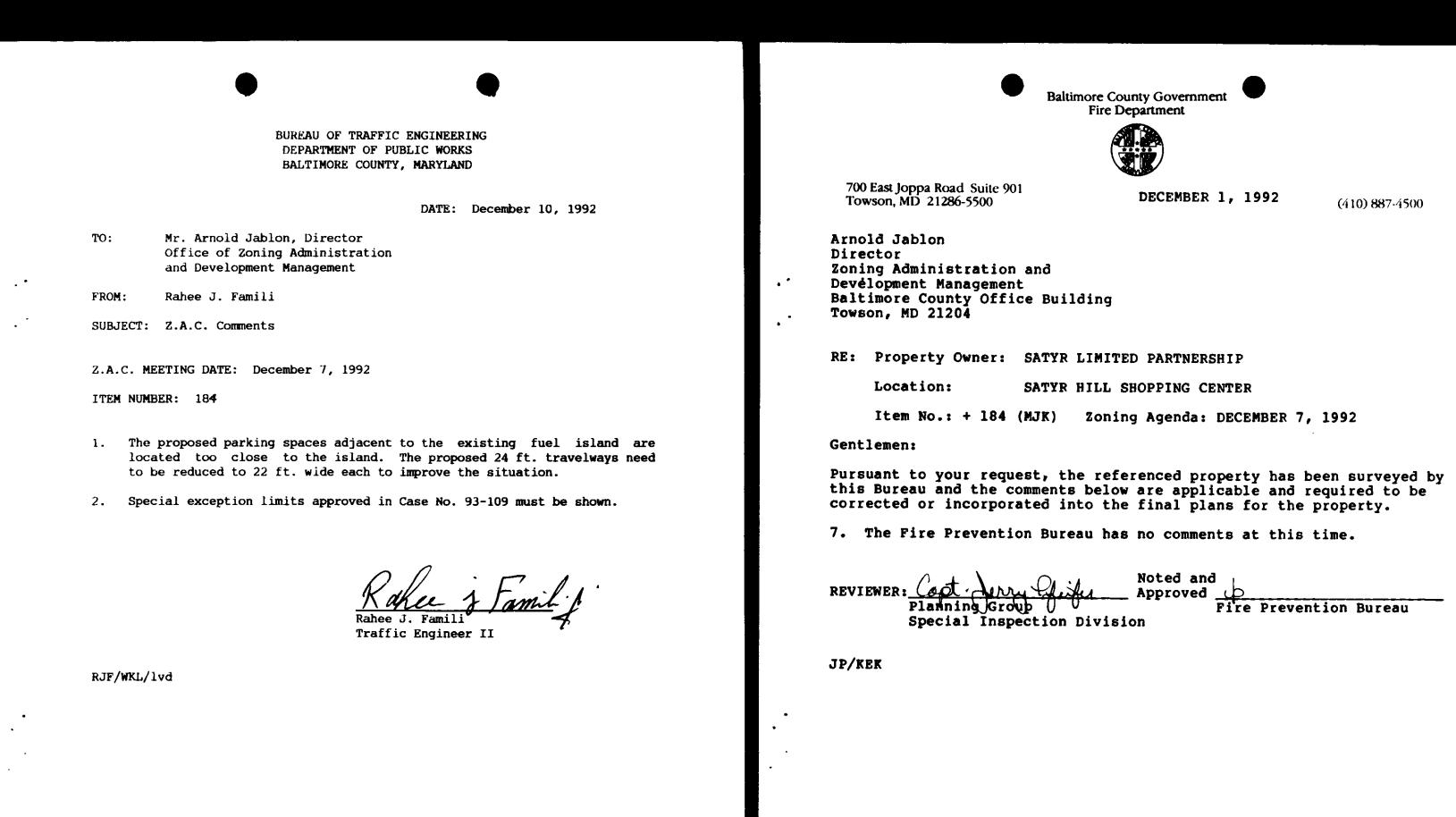
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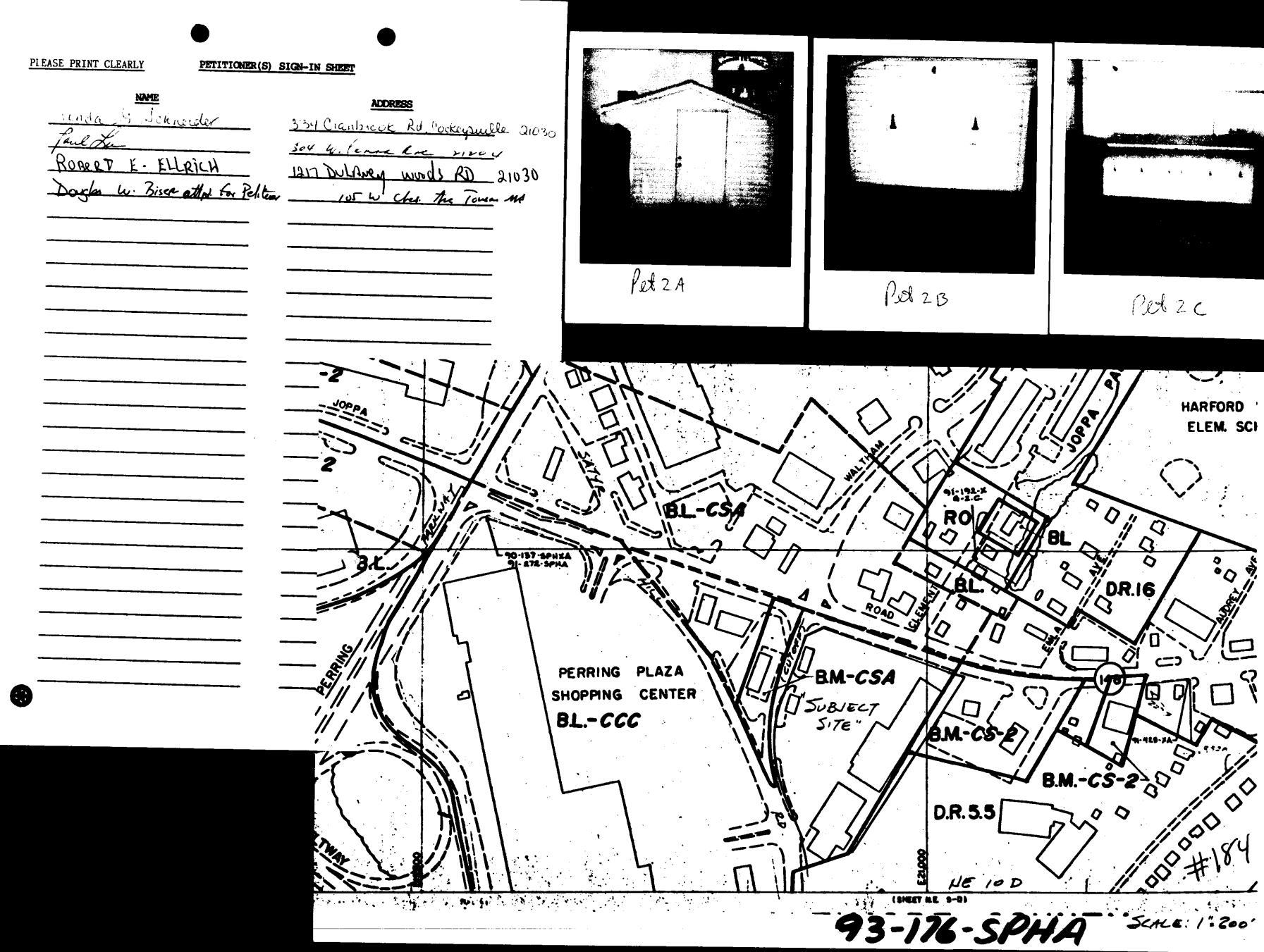
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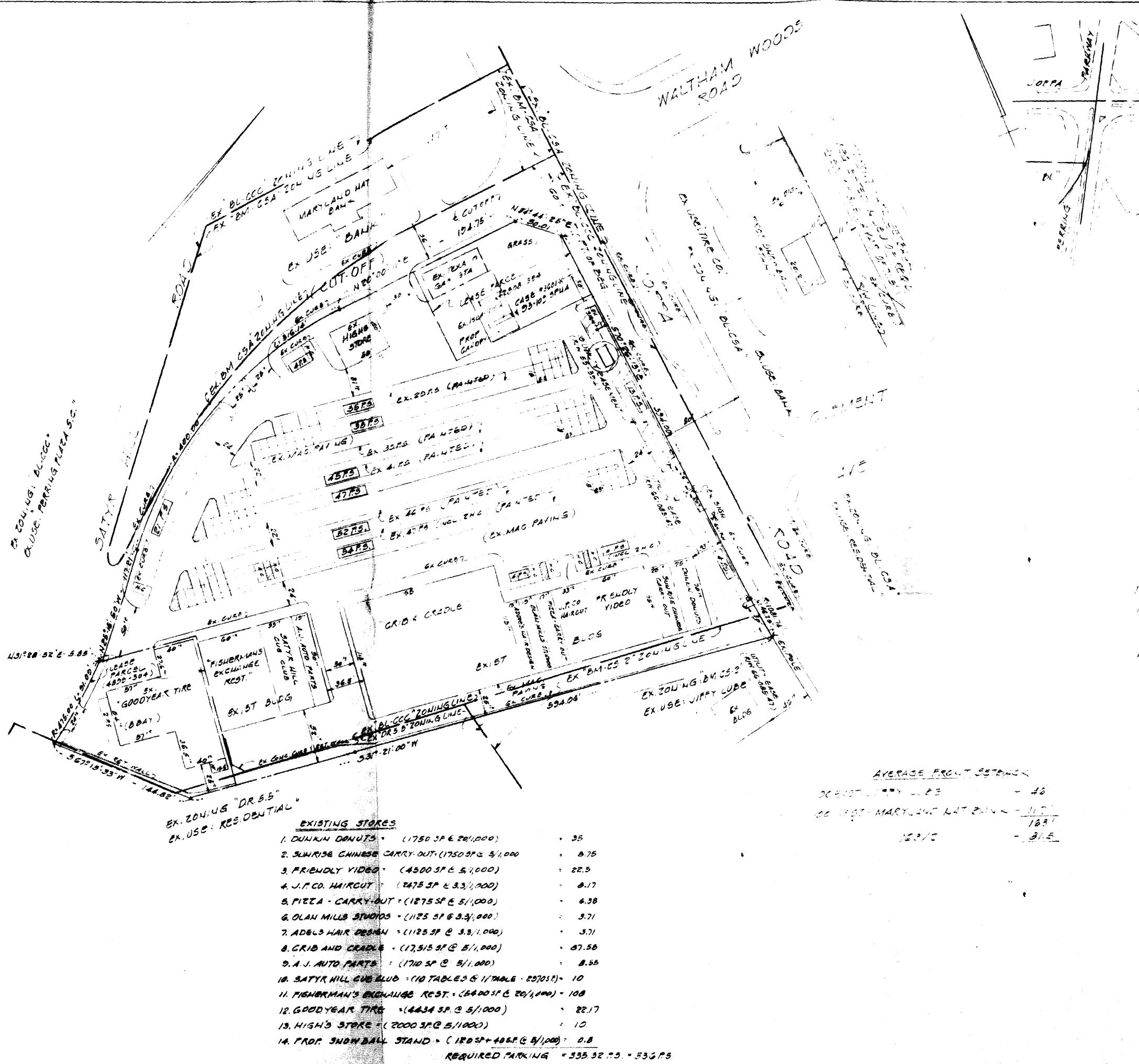
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